GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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BACKWARD CLASSES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the socially backward classes in different States and Union Territories have been identified;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the criteria adopted therefor;

(c) whether the State Governments have submitted the lists to the Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, steps taken for early completion of the lists?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) to (d) As per provisions under the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) Act,1993, the NCBC examines requests for inclusion of any class of citizens as a backward class In the lists and hears complaints of over-inclusion or under-inclusion of any backward class in such lists based on social, educational and economic aspects of backwardness and tenders such advice to the Central Government, as it deems appropriate.
The Government of India decides cases for inclusion/amendment in the Central Lists ofBackward Classes based on the advice(s) tendered by NCBC and details thereof are notified from time to time.

So far as the State lists of backward classes are concerned, the matter is dealt with by the State Government concerned.